



City of Mountain View Newsletter

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Library's Teen Zone Wins State-Wide Award



The Teen Zone at the Mountain View Public Library recently received a Helen Putnam Award for Excellence from the California League of Cities.

The Teen Zone opened in the Mountain View Public Library in May 2003 as a dedicated location within the Library for teens and includes an expanded collection of materials of interest to teens, a rotating display of teen artwork and a meeting place where teens can talk and work together on school projects.

The Zone's computers and seating are reserved exclusively for teens after school and all Library hours during evenings, weekends and school holidays.

Library Teen Advisory Group members worked closely with staff throughout 2002 to develop the project and make it a reality. The current Library Teen Advisory Group meets monthly to plan programs and share ideas about teen services.

For more information about the Teen Zone, contact the Mountain View Public Library at (650) 903-6337. [V](#)

New Senior Day Health Center Opens

A new day health facility for seniors opened in October at 270 Escuela Avenue, next to Mountain View's Senior Center. The new Rose Kleiner Senior Day Health Center is a collaborative effort between the City and Avenidas, a nonprofit organization providing services to seniors in our community. The facility will operate under a 40-year lease with the City, with all capital and operating costs borne by Avenidas.

The health facility is intended to serve residents in Mountain View, Los Altos and Palo Alto. It offers a daytime program of health, therapeutic, recreational, and supportive services designed to meet the needs of the less-independent elderly, while providing their family caregivers respite. The services will complement the services provided next door at the Senior Center.

The Center will serve enrolled participants five days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Flexible scheduling enables enrollment for two to five days per week. Participants pay on a sliding scale, depending on financial resources.

For more information, call Avenidas at (650) 494-8018. [V](#)

Efficiency Studios Scheduled to Open in January

San Antonio Place, a new efficiency studios project located at 210 San Antonio Circle, is scheduled to open in January 2006. The project is a joint effort, bringing together the City of Mountain View and Charities Housing, a nonprofit housing developer.

The project includes 120-unit efficiency studio apartments that are being built and managed by Charities Housing. The studios are approximately 300 square feet. The project will have common facilities such as a community room and library/computer room to provide added living space for residents.

Rents for these units will be affordable for people earning 15 to 45 percent of the County annual median income. Persons who have lived in Mountain View for at least six months, or worked in the City for at least one year, are given preference in renting units.

Prospective tenants were chosen by lottery on October 31, 2005. More than 370 tenant applications were submitted after an extensive public outreach effort to advertise the availability of the new, affordable housing units.

For more information regarding San Antonio Place, visit the Charities Housing website at www.charitieshousing.org or call (408) 282-1133. [V](#)

Annual Tree Lighting Celebration

Come celebrate the holidays with your friends and family at the Mountain View Tree Lighting Celebration on Monday, December 5, 2005, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro. This annual, free event features live holiday music, refreshments, holiday lights and the chance for children to have their picture taken with Santa. In the spirit of the season, everyone is encouraged to bring a can of food to help build the giving tree, which benefits the Mountain View Community Services Agency.



For more information, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331. [V](#)

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City Mission Statement

The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.

Correction:

The Fall issue of *The View* listed incorrect information for the State Senator representing the City of Mountain View. The correct information is provided below:

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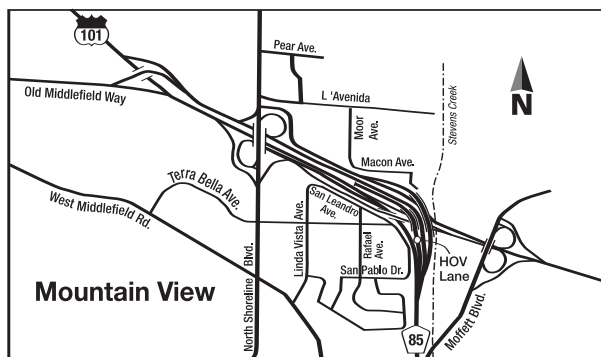
Highway 101 Improvements Update

Work on the \$142-million project by the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and Caltrans to make improvements to four major interchanges along Highway 101 in Mountain View remains on schedule.

Completion of the project is slated for spring 2006.


Changes are being made to interchanges at Moffett Boulevard, Old Middlefield Way, Shoreline Boulevard and Route 85. Portions of the project that have been completed include:

- the transition ramp from northbound Route 85 to northbound U.S. 101
- transition ramps from Shoreline Blvd to U.S. 101 and Route 85
- the ramp at Old Middlefield Way
- the Moffett Blvd interchange reconfiguration



- a new connector road between Pear Avenue and La Avenida

Remaining work on the project includes the construction of the direct connector ramp from the commuter lane on northbound Route 85 to the commuter lane on U.S. 101, as well as the direct connector ramp from northbound Route 85 to Shoreline Blvd.

The City is working with the VTA to help mitigate the impacts of the construction on motorists and residents. The VTA will provide commuters and residents with construction updates through radio announcements, notices to affected businesses and property owners, roadway signs, and information on their web site at www.vta.org. Information is also available by calling the Mountain View Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. 


The City Council has selected Inigo Way as the name of the new connector street between Pear Avenue and La Avenida.

The street was named after Lope Inigo, an Ohlone Chief who was one of the few native Americans in the Santa Clara Valley to receive a land grant from Mexico. His 3,000-acre ranch, Posolmi, later became Moffett Field.

New Permanente Creek Trail Overcrossing at Highway 101

Construction will begin next summer on a new overcrossing for the Permanente Creek Trail spanning Highway 101 just north of the Old Middlefield Way exit on Highway 101. When completed, the new pedestrian/bike bridge will allow trail users to travel between businesses and recreational facilities in the North Bayshore area and residential and business areas south and west of the freeway.

The existing Permanente Creek Trail begins in Shoreline at Mountain View Regional Park and runs along the east side of the creek for approximately one mile until it ends just north of Highway 101. The new overcrossing will bring the trail to the intersection of Old Middlefield Road and Spring Street. A traffic signal will be installed at the intersection to assist trail users and help accommodate local traffic.

Completion of the new overcrossing is scheduled for the Summer 2007. For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. 

Mayfield Site Development Update

Public hearings on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed development of housing on the former site of Mayfield Mall at the corner of Central Expressway and San Antonio Road will begin in January. The EIR addresses many traffic, noise, air quality, public service and school impact issues raised by the public.

Approximately 580 new housing units have been proposed for the 24-acre site, including small-lot single-family houses and condominiums. Of those, 530 would be in Mountain View. The EIR evaluates two alternative development scenarios – one with less housing and one with more housing – as well as keeping the current zoning in place.

In addition to conducting public hearings on the EIR, the Environmental Planning Commission is reviewing a possible new Precise Plan that is tailored to housing, with possibly some retail. The City Council will consider the EIR and Precise Plan in the first part of 2006.


For more information, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. 

New Medical Facility Under Construction on Former Emporium Site

The Palo Alto Medical Foundation is currently constructing a new medical facility on the former Emporium site at 701 El Camino Real East. The 250,000 sq. ft. project will include office and examination rooms, an urgent care center, laboratory and radiology services, an outpatient surgery center, a pharmacy, a laboratory and services for diagnostic radiology.

Plans also call for a two-level parking area, the protection of several heritage trees on the site, bike lanes, and reserving a location for a landing area for the Stevens Creek Trail overpass. The architectural design includes renewable resource materials, use of natural daylight and other sustainable design techniques.

Construction of the new facility is expected to be completed by the end of 2006.

For more information about the project, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. 


Senior Center Construction Underway

Construction continues on a new 25,000 sq. ft., lodge-style Senior Center. The new Center will be constructed on the same site as the old Senior Center at 266 Escuela Avenue.

The new building will feature a social hall that can provide banquet-style seating for up to 200 people, full kitchen, game room, exercise room, computer room, and multi-purpose rooms for classes and other activities.

The old Senior Center building was demolished because of significant seismic and mechanical systems problems. An interim Senior Center facility has been operating since November 2003 to provide a full range of programs and services, including the noontime senior nutrition program, to Mountain View's seniors.

While construction of the new Senior Center is underway, visitors to the interim Senior Center and the nearby Avenidas Rose Kleiner Senior Day Health Center will continue to have access to both facilities. The new Senior Center is scheduled to open in December 2006.

For more information about the Senior Center, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. 

Watch for the Spring issue of *The View* to learn more about how you can make a donation for landscaping and other amenities at the new Senior Center. The Spring issue of *The View* will be delivered in early March.

New Graham Reservoir Under Construction

Construction of a new 8-million gallon reservoir on the grounds of Graham Middle School is scheduled for completion this February. The reservoir is a joint project between the City of Mountain View and the Mountain View-Whisman School District and includes construction of new playing fields above the reservoir. The playing fields are used by students during the day and as after-hour sports fields by the community.

The joint agreement calls for the City to construct and maintain the completely buried reservoir, and construct and maintain the school playing fields located above the reservoir. The renovated athletic fields will include an all-weather regulation track and field, a soccer/football field, a soccer field, a baseball/softball field, and basketball and volleyball courts. A restroom and equipment storage room are also included in the project.

Construction of the new the sports fields and facilities will begin once the reservoir is complete. The sports fields and other facilities should be available for school and community use by fall 2006.

The project will not only provide important additional water storage capacity for the City, but will significantly improve playing field resources in the community.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. 


Mayor's Youth Conference Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The Mayor's Youth Conference celebrated its tenth anniversary this year with more than 150 delegates gathering on November 1. The theme of this year's conference was 'Generations Overcoming Obstacles.' The gathering focused on the importance and power of building relationships between youth and adults.

The purpose of the Mayor's Youth Conference is to create a forum for the exchange of ideas between young people and City and community leaders.

In contrast to previous conferences, this year's meeting also included adult delegates. Youth and adult delegates discussed common goals and interests, along with ways in which youth and adult partnerships can improve individual lives and the community.


The City's Youth Advisory Group debuted a new program at the conference called the Teen Friendly Business Awards. Conference delegates were invited to nominate local businesses that provide good customer service to teens. Businesses selected for recognition will receive a plaque with the Teen Friendly logo to display publicly. Nomination forms are available at the Mountain View Public Library, the Community Center and the Teen Center.

For more information about the Mayor's Youth Conference, contact the City's Youth Resources Manager at (650) 903-6301. 

Actions & Accomplishments 9/2005–11/2005

In addition to the City's recent actions and accomplishments highlighted in this issue of *The View*, provided below is a brief overview of some of the other projects and issues the City has been working on during the past few months.

- The Mountain View Police Department joined a new multidisciplinary team of local agencies-including schools, law enforcement agencies and nonprofits-to promote safety at school campuses and reduce juvenile crime in and around school campuses.
- Substantially completed work on a 2.3 million-gallon expansion of the City's Miramonte water reservoir.
- Commenced work on updating records relating to the City's significant inventory of more than 33,000 street trees. Once collected, the updated information will be used to: develop a forestry management plan, identify trees that need to be removed, develop a tree planting and replacement schedule, examine current service levels and forecast future budget needs.
- Began developing specifications and plans for upgrades to the playgrounds at Jackson and Klein Parks.

If you would like to know more about these topics or share your thoughts, the City of Mountain View would like to hear from you. Please contact the City by using the Citygram form included on page 6 or call (650) 903-6301. 

Library Marks 100th Birthday

The Mountain View Public Library celebrated 100 years of service to the community on September 24 in Pioneer Park. The Library's centennial birthday celebration included family entertainment, live music and a reunion of children, young and grown, who have attended the Library's story times over the years.

A crabapple tree was planted in Pioneer Park to commemorate the tree that once stood in front of the City's previous Library building.

Library patrons took tours of the Library, and a database class was offered to introduce visitors to the Library's array of resources. There was also an opportunity to preview a new CD-ROM of community and Library history that is available for sale in the Library's Lobby Shop. In addition, community members recorded their memories of the Library in a scrapbook housed in the Library's History Center.

For more information about the Mountain View Public Library, call (650) 903-6335.

New Library Program for Family Literacy

The Mountain View Public Library has received Federal grant funding to expand its family literacy services through the Federal Even Start Family Literacy program. The program is designed to create school-community partnerships that help break the cycle of illiteracy and poverty by integrating early childhood education, adult basic education and parenting education into a unified family literacy program.



As part of the Event Start program, both parents and children are enrolled in formal education programs. The goal of the Library's involvement is to help each family discover books, music, visual media and other learning materials and techniques to improve literacy for the whole family. Mountain View librarians will visit local Even Start classrooms and the Library will host monthly parenting programs for the Even Start families.

The Library is partnering with Mountain View-Los Altos Adult Education in this effort to improve family literacy throughout the community.

For more information, call the Mountain View Public Library at (650) 903-6337 or visit the Even Start website at www.evenstart.org.

Grant Enhances Library Services to Teens

The Mountain View Public Library has received a \$2,500 grant from the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors to provide tutors for the Teen Zone. This is the third time the nonprofit group has provided funds for Teen Zone tutors.

Tutors assist young people with homework and research after school, and have assisted teens in creating reading lists, art displays, database access, and special programming and events.

For more information about the Teen Zone programs and resources, call (650) 903-6337.

Keeping Our Community Safe and Prepared

Recent natural disasters, such as hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, as well as the earthquakes in Asia and fires here in California, should remind us all about the importance of being prepared for emergencies and/or natural disasters in the Bay Area.

The stories on this page provide some suggestions about things you can do for your family and for those in our community to help prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Flood Protection Information

As the winter rainy season approaches, the City of Mountain View cautions residents and businesses to be aware of flood hazards and suggests the following as ways you can do protect yourself and your property in the event of flooding.

Twelve percent of the city is located within special flood hazard areas. Flooding in these areas is caused by tidal flooding from the Bay and flooding from Permanente Creek. Although most properties located within special flood hazard areas were unaffected by recent storms, it is prudent to be prepared in the event of a more severe storm.

Flood Safety. There are several actions residents of flood hazard areas can take to decrease the potential of injury due to flooding.

- Do not walk through flowing waters.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.
- Turn off your electricity. Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.
- Look before you step. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas have been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Flood Insurance. Standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to floods. However, the City of Mountain View is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program, which makes it possible for property owners to obtain Federally backed flood insurance. This insurance is available to any owner of insurable property (a building or its contents). Tenants may also insure their personal property against flood loss. The City also participates in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System. Based on activities implemented by the City to reduce risk from flooding, and which exceed the minimum standards of the National Flood Insurance Program, the community qualifies for a 10 percent discount for National Flood




Insurance policies issued or renewed. The actual cost of insurance will vary depending upon the amount of coverage and degree of flood hazard. This insurance is required in certain instances, such as the purchase of a home with a Federally backed mortgage. Individuals should contact their insurance companies for flood insurance costs.

Property Protection Measures. There are various actions that can be taken to flood proof structures. Electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters and washer/dryers should be elevated or relocated to a location less likely to be flooded. Basement floor drains and interior and exterior backwater valves can be installed, and interior flood walls can be placed around utilities. If flooding is likely, and time permits, move essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home. Keep materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and lumber handy for emergency water-proofing. This action will help minimize the amount of damage caused by flood waters.

Flood Map Information. The City will provide the public, lending institutions, real estate agents and insurance agents with the flood map information indicated below upon request.

Call (650) 903-6311 during normal business hours or visit the Public Works Department at City Hall for the following information:

- Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area.
- Additional flood insurance data for a site such as the Flood Insurance Rate Map zone, base flood elevation or depth.
- A handout on the flood insurance purchase requirements. 

New Community Police Academy

The Mountain View Police Department is expanding and enhancing its award-winning Citizen Police Academy program. Starting in February, the new Community Police Academy program will provide residents with three different opportunities to learn about Police work, community security and emergency operations.

Community Police Academy – Ten sessions held over an eight-week period giving participants an inside look at Police operations.

Community Police Academy – Strength through Diversity Program – A new program starting later in 2006 offering the Community Police Academy curriculum in Spanish.

Choices – This program, designed for high school students, will offer much of the same information provided to Community Police Academy participants, but geared to young adults. *Choices* will debut later in 2006.

Prepare for the Winter Storm Season


The City recommends that you take the following precautions in the event of heavy storms and flooding during the winter rainy season:

Obtain necessary sandbags. The City will make sand and sandbags available at no charge to any Mountain View resident beginning with the first storm of the season at the Municipal Operations Center, 231 North Whisman Road. Residents should bring a shovel with them to fill the sandbags.

Report flooding or standing water. Contact the Public Services Division, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at (650) 903-6329. After hours and on weekends, call the Emergency Communications Center at (650) 903-6395.

Report downed street trees or limbs. Contact the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at (650) 903-6273. After hours and on weekends, call the Emergency Communications Center at (650) 903-6395.

Do not touch downed power lines. Assume all downed power lines are dangerous and call both 911 and PG&E at (800) 743-5000 immediately. Also, tune to your local radio station for power outage updates.

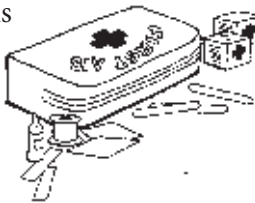
For answers to your questions regarding weather precautions and damage, call the Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329. 

Become Part of the Community Emergency Response Team

The City of Mountain View offers free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to residents so that they can safely help themselves, their families and their neighbors in the event of an emergency or major disaster.

CERT classes cover topics, such as:

- Disaster preparedness
- Fire Suppression
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Search and Rescue
- Team Organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism



The next CERT class begins on March 29, 2006.

For more information about emergency preparedness or CERT training, call the Mountain View Fire Department at (650) 903-6378 or visit <http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/citydepts/fd/fire.htm>.



FAQ About the Heritage Tree Ordinance

The City of Mountain View’s Heritage Tree Ordinance was adopted to preserve healthy, mature public and private trees in our community. Below are some frequently asked questions regarding heritage trees and the City’s ordinance.



How do I know if I have a heritage tree?

In Mountain View, a heritage tree is any tree that has a trunk with a circumference of 48” or more measured at 54” above natural grade. Oak, redwood and cedar trees are considered heritage trees if they have a circumference of 12” measured at 54” above natural grade.

What responsibility do I have if there is a heritage tree on my property?

You are responsible for maintaining and preserving all heritage trees in a state of good health. It is against the City ordinance to willfully injure, damage, destroy, move or remove a heritage tree unless granted a removal permit by the City.

How do I obtain a removal application for a Heritage Tree?

Call the Forestry Division (650) 903-6273 or e-mail parks@mountainview.org. The form will be available on the City website in spring 2006. There are no fees associated with the permit process.

What happens after I submit an application for removal?

City staff will review the application, make a site visit to evaluate the tree(s) and make a proposed decision on the application. Notice of the proposed decision will be posted on the tree for a ten-day period and mailed to the property owner. If there are no appeals to the decision, the removal permit will be issued by the City.

What is the appeal process?

Any person impacted by a proposed decision to remove or deny removal of a heritage tree may appeal the decision during the ten-day posting period.

What happens once a removal permit has been issued?

The permit is valid for two years from date of issue. After the tree is removed, the owner is typically required to plant a 24” box replacement tree. If the property will not support a new tree, the owner may pay a \$250 in-lieu fee to the City of Mountain View. These funds are used to plant new trees in City parks, medians and public areas.

Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

Contact the Forestry Division at (650) 903-6273 or by e-mail at parks@mountainview.org.

New Charleston Plaza Shopping Center Under Construction

A new 138,700 sq. ft. retail center is under construction on the north side of Charleston Road, between San Antonio Road and North Rengstorff Avenue, along the Highway 101 corridor. The shopping center, called Charleston Plaza, is being built on 11 acres of land that were previously used for industrial buildings.

Anticipated retail tenants for the new shopping center include Best Buy, Bed Bath and Beyond, REI and PetSmart. Several restaurants are also planned for the center.

The project is expected to be completed in May 2006.

For more information about Charleston Plaza, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.

Plant a Tree for Arbor Day

The City of Mountain View will celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, March 11, 2006 in Pioneer Park with a variety of events, including a tree planting. The City also plans to make approximately 125 trees available to individual residents this year for planting on their property.

The planting event is part of the City’s forestry restoration efforts and the celebration of the State of California’s Arbor Day.

Residents who wish to participate in the tree planting should fill out and submit the request form included in this issue of *The View* by 5:00 pm on January 20, 2006, and agree to plant and maintain the tree on their property. If the number of requests for trees exceeds the number of trees available, names will be drawn at random. The City will deliver the tree of choice to eligible residents during the week of March 6, 2006.

Residents may choose from five varieties of trees.

- The **Red Maple** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, steady watering and will grow to 50 feet with leaves that range from yellow to red in the fall.
- The **Krauter Plum** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, moderate watering, grows to 20 feet and blooms with light pink flowers.
- The **Brisbane Box** is an evergreen tree with inconspicuous flowers that can tolerate some shade, has low watering requirements and grows up to 60 feet high.
- The **Coast Live Oak** is an evergreen that requires full sun, little watering, grows to 50 feet and is a California native.
- The **Chinese Pistache** is a deciduous tree that requires full sun, moderate watering, and grows to 60 feet with leaves that turn red, yellow and orange in the fall.

For more information about Arbor Day activities, call the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.



APPLICATION FOR ARBOR DAY 2006 TREES

NAME

ADDRESS

DAYTIME PHONE

TREE PLANTING ADDRESS

TYPE OF TREE REQUESTED (REFER TO LIST AT LEFT)

PLANTING LOCATION OF ARBOR DAY TREE (examples: southwest corner of backyard, center of front lawn, backyard garden):

The undersigned agrees to: (1) accept the tree requested above, (2) plant the tree as indicated on application, (3) maintain the tree at own expense (tree planting/care information will be supplied).

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS APPLICATION BY MAIL BEFORE 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2006.

Send to:
City of Mountain View, Forestry Division
P.O. Box 7540
Mountain View, CA 94039-7540


Office Use Only. Date Received:

California/Bryant Parking Structure Under Construction

Construction began in October on the City’s newest parking structure at the northeast corner of California and Bryant Streets. The four-story, five-level structure will include approximately 400 free parking spaces. A Longs Drugs will be located in the structure’s first floor retail space on California Street.

The corner of the structure features nine large panes of colored glass to be installed between the second through fourth levels as the public art component.

During construction, 2-hour and permit parking are provided at the City-owned parking lot on the northwest corner of Bryant and Mercy Streets. Construction of the parking structure is scheduled for completion in late 2006.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. 



Mountain View Citygram

How are we doing? Feedback from you is very important to us. Curious about a City service or program? Have an idea you’d like to share? Know a City employee who did a particularly good job? The City Manager’s Office would like to hear from you. Send your remarks on a Citygram and you will receive a prompt response from the appropriate City department.

Thank you for your comments.

Send your comments to the Mountain View City Manager’s Office, Post Office Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039

NAME

DATE

ADDRESS

ZIP CODE

DAYTIME PHONE

I would like a reply:

☐ by telephone ☐ by mail

☐ no reply necessary

For City Staff use:

CONNECTING *with your* COMMUNITY

The Volunteer Services Program is committed to citizen participation by matching people with volunteer opportunities that enhance City services. Check out some of the current and upcoming opportunities that are available! For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Mailing & News Clipping Team—Volunteers are needed for bulk mailings, assembling packets, collating printed materials and clipping newspaper articles. Once the projects are scheduled, the Team is called in to complete the project. News clipping is Mondays and Wednesdays, mornings or afternoons. For more information, call the Volunteer Office at (650) 903-6607 or e-mail rae.blasquez@moutainview.gov.

Deer Hollow Farm—Teaching School Docents—Docents are needed in the Winter and Spring. Training is provided. Call (650) 903-6430.

Police Department—Alarm Program Assistant—Volunteers are needed to assist with the administration of the residential and commercial alarm permitting process, and with false alarm enforcement. General office and computer skills are required, as well as a commitment to work 4 hours per week. For more information, contact Kala Thrower at (650) 903-6186 or e-mail kala.thrower@ci.mtnveiw.ca.us.

Police Department—Mobile Radar Trailer Deployment—Volunteers are needed to set up and pick up the Police Department’s radar trailers around the community. Training is provided. For more information, call Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749.

Fire Department—Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers are needed to assist with coordinating and conducting trainings for the community. Volunteers are also needed to assist with creating new display boards and organizing public education materials. For more information, call (650) 903-6607.

Center for Performing Arts—Office Assistant—Help is needed in the Center office 10 hours a week. Skills required are word-processing, spreadsheet manipulation, data entry, filing and general office duties. Work hours are flexible but regular. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or jennifer@mvcpa.com.

Upcoming Opportunity

Center for Performing Arts—Ushers—Ushers are needed to assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, April 10 and Monday, April 17, 2006 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 p.m. at the Center. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or jennifer@mvcpa.com.



Mountain View Public Library—Help is needed in a variety of program areas, including:

- *Children’s Services*—Assist with sorting and shelving of books, videos, paperback books, CDs, cassettes, books on tape, and various other tasks.
- *Support Services*—Mend, repair, clean books and other circulation materials. Replace covers of damaged video cases and produce barcodes for circulation materials.
- *Adult Reference*—Prepare materials to be discarded using the computer catalog, search for materials on the shelves after Dewey Decimal training.

Applications are available at Children’s Services at the Library or at the Library’s website: <http://library.ci.mtnview.ca.us>. Interviews are brief and informal. Minimum age is 13. For more information, call Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or e-mail maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov.

Shoreline—Gatehouse and Patrol Rangers—Volunteer Rangers are needed to greet visitors and provide visitor information for Shoreline at Mountain View Regional Park and Stevens Creek Trail. Patrol rangers also walk trails, assist visitors with information and keep trails clear of litter. All volunteers are provided with training and a uniform. Volunteers must be age 18 or older. Trails are open seven days a week and hours are flexible. For more information, call Hilary Holeman at (650) 903-6073.

Shoreline—Education and Garden Docents—Volunteers are needed to greet visitors and provide tours and visitor information about the historic Rengstorff House in three-hour shifts on Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. Volunteers are also needed to work in the Rengstorff House garden, planting and maintaining flowers and making floral arrangements. Training is provided for all docents. For more information, call Hilary Holeman at (650) 903-6073.

These are just a few ways that you can get involved. If you have an idea, or special skill or talent to offer, or want to join our TEAM, please call the Volunteer Services Office today at (650) 903-6607.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

- 1 Human Relations Commission,** 6:30 p.m., Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
- 5 Annual Tree Lighting,** 6:00 p.m., Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro Street (see page 1)
- 7 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
- 9 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 10 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 13 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 14 Visual Arts Committee,** 6:00 p.m., ACR
Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 16 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 17 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 19 Library Board,** 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 21 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
- 23 Christmas Holiday.** City offices closed.
Cops That Care. 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., Auditorium, Robert K. Schatz Police Services and Fire Administration Building, 1000 Villa Street. (See story on right.)
- 26 Christmas Holiday.** City offices closed.

January

- 2 New Year's Holiday.** City offices closed.
- 4 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC (tentative)
- 5 Human Relations Commission,** 6:30 p.m. Location to be announced.
- 10 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 11 Visual Arts Committee,** 6:00 p.m., ACR
Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 13 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 14 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.** City offices closed.
- 18 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC (tentative)



- 20 Deadline for Arbor Day Tree Applications.** (See story on page 5.)
- 21 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 23 Library Board,** 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 24 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 25 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee,** 6:30 p.m., PCR

February

- 1 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
- 2 Human Relations Commission,** 6:30 p.m. Location to be announced.
- 8 Visual Arts Committee,** 6:00 p.m., ACR
Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 10 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 11 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 14 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 15 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
- 18 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 20 Presidents' Day Holiday.** City offices closed.
- 22 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee,** 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 24 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 25 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 27 Library Board,** 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 28 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC

CC - Council Chambers, City Hall
PCR - Plaza Conference Room, City Hall
ACR - Atrium Conference Room, City Hall
All dates are subject to change. Contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.

Cops That Care

Last December, the Mountain View Police Department's Cops that Care Program, provided holiday toys and gifts to more than 1,700 children in the community.

If you are interested in making a donation this year, the Department will begin accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys on December 1 at 1000 Villa Street. New clothing, gift cards and cash will also be accepted. Donations will be accepted through December 22.

The donated items will be distributed at an event on Friday, December 23 from in the Auditorium at the Robert K. Schatz Police Services and Fire Administration Building at 1000 Villa Street. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. No registration for the event is required, but children must be accompanied by a parent.

For more information, contact Officer Ron Cooper at (650) 903-6712.



Rengstorff House Presents a Victorian Soiree

Join the fun of a traditional Victorian Soiree at the Rengstorff House on Sunday, December 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The traditional Soiree is hosted by the Friends of R House and features holiday music, vintage readings, homemade food, host and hostesses in vintage costume, and a visit from Father Christmas.

Tickets are available for a \$18 donation per person. Seating is limited. For tickets, send a check made out to Friends of R House and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Rengstorff House Christmas
3070 N. Shoreline Boulevard
Mountain View, California 94043

You can also experience the Rengstorff House decked out for the holiday season in traditional Victorian style each Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday between December 4 and January 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as part of a free public tour.

For more information, call the Rengstorff House at (650) 903-6073.

Holiday Events at the Center for the Performing Arts

Holiday magic is in the air this December for children of all ages at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts with theatre, dance and music. For tickets and information call (650) 903-6000 or visit mvcpa.com.

November 30–December 4, Smuin Ballet presents **The Christmas Ballet, 2005 Edition**

December 9–11, Western Ballet presents **The Nutcracker**

December 10, Western Ballet presents **Nutcracker Sweet Tea**

December 13, Quadre–The Voice of Four Horns presents **Holiday Horns +**

December 16–17, Peninsula Youth Theatre Stories on Stage presents **The Velveteen Rabbit**

Get Help With Residential Energy Costs

Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) will be offering a wide variety of programs to its customers this winter to make it easier for customers to manage their energy costs. Some middle- and low-income customers may be eligible for discounted natural gas rates and/or other forms of financial assistance.

Other customers will be able to take advantage of an expanded program that allows residential and some small business customers to spread out the impact of their high winter energy costs over an entire year.

Information regarding these programs can be obtained by calling PG&E's 24-hour Customer Service Department at (800) 743-5000 or by visiting PGE's website at www.pge.com.